Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I be allowed to request that the question time may be extended by 10 minutes ? Much time has been taken up by this desultory discussion. The discussion on buses has taken more than 25 minutes.

Consumption and a Sanatoria for its treatment.

271. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased, referring to statistics, if possible.—

A. (1) whether 'consumption' has not been steadily on the increase among people within the State, during the last ten years ;

(2) whether tubercular patients are refused admission into our hospitals ;

(3) and whether in-patients developing symptoms of consumption are forthwith discharged ;

B. has the Government investigated the suitability of any part of the State, to establish sanatoria for the treatment of consumption according to Western methods ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—A (1) There is an increase in the number of cases of tubercle of lungs seeking treatment.

(2) Not all tubercular patients. Cases of tubercle of lungs are not, as a rule, admitted into the wards.

(3) In-patients developing unmistakable symptoms of consumption are, as a rule, discharged.

B. No; because the climate of this country is unsuited for sanatoria for pulmonary tuberculosis.

Venerial diseases.

272. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state, referring to statistics, if possible.—

(a) whether venerial diseases have not been unfortunately on the increase among the people of the State during the last ten years ;

(b) whether such State control as is exercised in other countries to prevent the spread of the disease is not feasible and possible ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) It is not possible to furnish the information, but the statistics of the cases admitted and treated in the State medical institutions during the last three years stand as follows:—

Year.	*Syphilis.*	*Gonorrhoea.*
1099	4,691	2,237
1100	6,266	2,870
1101	5,990	3,022

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